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Comments: Dear Forest Service, my name is Kristen and I'm commenting to express my opposition to the troubling Pete Lien and Sons Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 that would be located in the sacred ?e Sápa (Black Hills). I am specifically concerned about the environmental impacts, threats to the water supply in surrounding areas, and negative impacts to the Lakota people. The Black Hills are significant for many reasons. Most prominently, they are one of South Dakota's most biodiverse areas and are highly valued and respected by the Lakota people. The proposed site of this project is near Pe'Sla, which is a sacred site where the Lakota people do ceremonies annually. This project, along with the others that have already been approved, would only further contaminate these sacred lands and strip the Lakota people of their rights to the land. Therefore, I urge you to assure that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is followed precisely and a full environmental impact statement is conducted. I also urge a 60-day extension on the public comment period. Water is life, and harm to the earth is harm to the people. Please reconsider this project.